in the augmentation of demand and consequently production.

Development of land by the DDA

*296. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a backlog in the development of land by the D.D.A.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether D.D.A. propose to involve private builder construction firms on their behalf to clear the backlog which had been piling for the last several years;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) and (b) There is not much of a backlong in the development of land by the DDA.

(c) DDA has no proposal to engage private builders or construction firms to clear the backlog

(d) Does not arise.

Report of the D'Souza Committee

*297. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the D'Souza Committee, constituted in 1974 has given its report to boost the house construction activities in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken on the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) There was no Committee constituted in 1974 under Shri D'Souza to go into the question of housing construction activities in Delhi.

(b) The question does not arise.

Central assistance for flood-effected States

*298. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of States affected by floods in the year 1985-86; and

(b) what is the amount given by the Central Government as relief to the States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) 22 States have been affected by floods in the year 1985-86.

(b) A ceiling of Central assistance amounting to Rs. 502.81 crores has been sanctioned so far, as flood relief during the year 985-86.

Plinth area of flats in category II in Vasant Kunj

*299. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2819 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th August, 1984 and state:

(a) whether Government have received representations to the effect that the plinth area of category II flats under the Self-Financing Scheme in Vasant Kunj, a D.D.A. colony has not been increased from 80 sq. mts. to 90 sq. mts. and later on to 101.10 sq. mts. as reported by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) whether Government had made any enquiry into the matter through an independent agency to verify the veracity of the statement of the D.D.A.; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any action has been taken against the concerned officials in case their statement has not been found correct?